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SITUATION IN POLAND.

The Whole Country is Now Governed Under a Modified Form of Martial Law.

Warsaw, March 1.—2.05 p.m.—The Governor-General of Poland to-day proclaimed a partial state of siege in the governments of Kalisz, Lublin, Kielce and Lomza. A similar condition prevails in the remaining six provincial governments. All Poland is now governed under a modified form of martial law. The proclamation does not give specific reasons for the action taken, but it is due to

the general unsatisfactory condition of the country.

The strike on the Vistula railroad is ended. Train service, both north and south of Warsaw, has been resumed. The strikers obtained higher wages and other concessions.

The strikes on the suburban railroad have also ended, and all Warsaw's railroad communications are now restored.

FORMER MINISTER ILL.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, former minister of the interior, is seriously ill at Kharkoff.

RUSSIANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES

REPEATED ATTACKS BY JAPANESE FORCES

The Advance Guard of Kourapatkin's Army Driven From Outworks at Kutal Pass.

(Associated Press.)

Shakhe-tun, Manchuria, March 1.—A stubborn fight is raging on the left wing. Vigorous attacks of the Japanese on the village of Kudasa have been repulsed, and the Russians maintain their position, thanks to the intervention of a relief column, which attacked the Japanese from the west after two passes had been occupied. This column was hard pressed by the Japanese, and suffered great losses.

It advanced in detachments to the neighborhood of Ubenupusa, and was attacked three during the night, at 11, midnight, and 3 a. m., but repulsed all the Japanese onslaughts.

The westward Japanese made a night attack on Kutal pass. Some of the assaults were repulsed, but at 9 a. m. the Russian advance guard vacated two outworks, which had been destroyed by the Japanese artillery, and retired to adjacent and better fortified positions. The Japanese attacked Nanshanpu in Khandsan district, at 6 a. m., but were repulsed.

VILLAGES CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE.

General Kuraki's headquarters in the field, via Fusan, March 2.—During the night the Japanese infantry swept forward from the hills and took three small villages near Witofsan, on the plain near the river, which has been the scene of many outpost affairs. One column advanced northeast and captured the town of Kodaise, 15 miles from Witofsan. The engagement there was not severe.

JAPS RAIDED TOWN WEST OF MUKDEN.

Newchwang, via Tientsin, March 2.—A detachment of 400 Japanese cavalry, with one gun, raided Sing Min Tin, about 30 miles west of Mukden, this afternoon. With the gun trained on the main street the troops ransacked the railroad bridges and Chinese inn.

JAPANESE OPEN FIRE ON PUTILOFF HILL.

Sachetin, Manchuria, March 1.—1.30 p. m.—The Japanese opened a tremendous fire with field and siege guns against Putiloff (Lone Tree) to-day. Columns of white smoke envelop the hill on two sides.

The bombardment of the right flank continues.

GENERAL STOESEL RECEIVED BY THE CZAR.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Gen. Stoessel was to-day received in audience by Emperor Nicholas, who invited him to luncheon.

RUSSIANS BUILDING DEFENSIVE WORKS.

Newchwang, Feb. 28.—Dispatches received here say that over two Russian army corps are engaged in building elaborate defensive works opposite the extreme Japanese left, and that large forces of cavalry are protecting the Russian flanks.

It is reported here that a railroad bridge between Tie Pass and Kaiyuan has been destroyed.

It is also reported that large bodies of well-armed Chinese bandits are prepared to harass the retreat of the Russians when they endeavor to escape Gen. Kuraki's enveloping movement.

"YEAR OF GRIEVOUS TRIAL"

Emperor Nicholas's Reply to Address From the Moscow Bourne.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Emperor Nicholas yesterday replied to the recent address of the Moscow bourne, expressing attachment to the principle of the autocracy, saying: "In this year of grievous trial, this evidence of loyalty to the old foundations of Russia's political life has afforded me special gratification."

CUMBERLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

On Monday, when Wm. Hayman, a miner, was out duck shooting near the Union wharf, the gun he was carrying was accidentally discharged, the contents lodging in his arm and tearing the muscles badly. Dr. Stables was immediately wired for, and dressed the wound. Hayman was brought to town by a special engine from the wharf, and is now in the hospital here. It is hoped the arm will be saved, but the injuries are serious.

On and after March 29th the provisions of the Explosive Act will be strictly enforced, and no explosive can be stored within two miles of the city.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

J. Goodfellow Will Have Charge of E. & N. Road For C. P. R.

When the C. P. R. takes over the E. & N. railway, according to the Vancouver News-Advertiser, J. Goodfellow, who has been chief dispatcher and trainmaster in Vancouver, will be placed in charge as assistant superintendent, under Superintendent Marpole. The E. & N. railway will then be known as the Island section of District 2 of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., and will, of course, be under the supervision of R. Marpole, the general superintendent of the division. The management of the steamer Joan and the barge, Transfer No. 1, and other steamers included in the sale, will be separated from the railway proper, and will be placed under the control of Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of C. P. R. coast steamship lines.

Mr. Goodfellow, as a boy, worked as a messenger for the old Montreal Telegraph Company, and had as colleagues James Kent, the present general manager of C. P. R. telegraphs, ex-Mayor Cochrane of Montreal, and Dr. Drummond, the noted author. With this company he learned telegraphy, and in 1871 started his connection with railways, securing a position as operator with the Grand Trunk. In 1876 he went to the Intercolonial as train dispatcher, and in 1882 joined the C. P. R. in Winnipeg in a similar capacity. Two years later Mr. Goodfellow arrived in British Columbia, having been appointed chief dispatcher at Yale, then the headquarters in this province by Contractor Onderdonk, who was then operating the road. When the line was taken over by the C. P. R., Mr. Goodfellow occupied the same position with the company, and has been stationed at Yale. Kamloops and, for some time past, in Vancouver.

As is generally known the C. P. R. cannot take over the Island system until a special act confirming the sale is passed by the Federal parliament. This is now being dealt with.

Next week a party of C. P. R. officials will make an inspection trip over the Island road. Mr. Goodfellow forming one of the party. His successor in Vancouver has not yet been announced. The acquisition of the E. & N. railway by the C. P. R. will lead to several other promotions and changes on this division.

IS A RICH FIELD FOR INVESTORS

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY J. S. CARRUTHERS

Thinks the Natural Resources of Vancouver Island Demand the Full-est Exploitation

J. S. Carruthers, of Montreal, who accompanied Frank W. Morse, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway to the coast, is very much impressed with the great possibilities of British Columbia.

Mr. Carruthers is a very prominent grain merchant in Montreal and Winnipeg, and his attention is naturally attracted to the agricultural possibilities of the province. He considers that the farming industry is after all the backbone of a country, and marvels somewhat that the resources of British Columbia in this respect have not been more fully developed. He is very practical, and during his stay in the city has made the fullest inquiries into the extent of arable land in the province. According to the information he has been able to get Mr. Carruthers sees no reason for doubting that the farming industry will attain a very prominent place.

Mr. Carruthers is pleased with the prospects on Vancouver Island. One thing which astonishes him in this connection is that a territory apparently so rich in timber, minerals and agricultural possibilities should remain so long undeveloped. All that he has seen since his arrival here and what he has learned from those acquainted with the Island, impresses him with the fact that this is a rich field for investors.

The fact that Mr. Morse's guest shows so much interest in the Island is taken as indicating that the Grand Trunk Pacific officials themselves have designs upon this part of the province. It is said that they recognize Vancouver Island as one of the richest parts of British Columbia, and when the line is completed to the coast this part will not likely be overlooked. It is now regarded as almost certain that the company has in view connection with Vancouver Island. That company will in the probability dispute with the C. P. R. the right to control the trade.

It is believed that even now the question of terminal facilities for the southern extension of the line to Vancouver Island is being investigated.

STRIKE SPREADING.

(Associated Press.)

Moscow, March 2.—The strike in the city and suburbs is extending. There are now 60,000 men out.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 2.—The following steamers have arrived here: Princess Victoria, from West Indian cruise; Lombardia, from Genoa; Pennsylvania, from Hamburg; Victorian, from Liverpool.

ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN CLOSED

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT TO-DAY'S SESSION

Of Central Farmers' Institute—Dairymen and Live Stock Association of Province.

At yesterday afternoon's session of the Central Farmers' Institute a number of important resolutions were discussed and passed. It was decided to request the provincial government to provide the secretaries of local institutes with copies of all bills relating to agriculture. Another carried recommending that speakers sent to the dry belt be acquainted with the conditions prevailing there. It also was suggested that the fruit inspector be given more assistance; that the Noxious Weeds Act be amended in some particular; that the source and supply of water in the neighborhood of Kamloops be defined, and that the poll tax be collected by the municipalities.

A resolution carried asking the government to grant \$25,000 towards the assistance of the Dominion exposition at New Westminster. It also was decided to ask the Federal government to extend aid to the tobacco growing industry. Assistance was asked in the purchase of stamping powder. It was requested further that a tax be put on dogs, that a wagon road be constructed connecting Comox with Alberni, that the black crow have a price put on its head in certain sections, that the Assessment Act be amended so that the work may be more equitably done, that a creamery inspector be appointed, that steps be taken to prevent Northwest creamery butter being sold as government creamery, and that the work of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association be endorsed.

The minister of agriculture was then invited to attend and the most important of the resolutions passed during the convention were placed in his hands. He promised that everything recommended by the institute would receive the serious consideration of the government and everything possible done to carry out the wishes of the farmers of British Columbia.

The meeting then adjourned until this morning.

To-day's Proceedings.

This morning the delegates attending the convention of the Central Farmers' Institute gathered at the parliament buildings at 9.30 o'clock and immediately commenced the transaction of the remaining business on the programme. Chairman J. R. Anderson called the meeting to order and made a brief address, announcing that there were only a few more matters to be considered, and recommended that these be dealt with expeditiously in order that an adjournment might be taken in time to allow representatives appointed to attend the yearly meeting of the Dairy and Live Stock Association to submit their credentials.

After the adoption of minutes and other formalities, a special committee, comprising J. E. Collins, D. Matheson and W. J. Brandt, selected to report on the superintendent's statement, was read as follows:

"That while the returns show an increase of only 93 members on the roll of the Central Farmers' Institute, it is gratifying to know that there is an increase, and also to know that the attendance at the meetings shows a large increase over the previous year, a very satisfactory evidence of the appreciation of the efforts of the superintendent to obtain speakers posted on subjects suitable to the needs of the community.

"We agree that personal canvassing is the only way to increase the membership of the institute, and we recommend that greater efforts be made in the direction of providing social attractions.

"We recommend that local institutes exchange speakers at supplementary meetings, and that these be held more frequently than in the past.

"The literature supplied by the department has been very much appreciated.

"We realize that co-operation in all our undertakings is the key note of success, and we recommend that the department of agriculture foster every undertaking of this kind as much as possible.

"When possible we agree that outdoor demonstrations be given, they having given satisfaction in the past; and we also agree that afternoon meetings be held where possible.

"We realize that the work of the institute has been of inestimable value to the farmers of British Columbia, and hope that the work will be continued."

This provoked some discussion, during which the superintendent was highly complimented upon his efforts during the past year. Finally the report was adopted.

S. H. Shannon submitted the appended motion: "Resolved that this Central Farmers' Institute endorse the Pure Seed Bill now before the House of Commons, Ottawa."

Some interest was aroused by the reading of a communication from T. Jackson, secretary of the Armstrong Co-operative Society, enclosing the returns of the association for the year 1904. He stated that there had been a total of 102 carloads of fruit shipped from that centre during the season, and that the value of these shipments amounted to about \$30,813.82. The letter continues: "The volume of business was greatly reduced owing to the short vegetable crops. Our most modest estimate for

1904 is 150 cars, and a volume of over \$50,000. One of the greatest difficulties in the conduct of any business composed of farmers is the trouble of confining them to the lines originally intended when organizing. A great many feel that an organization of the kind should dabble in everything. It would seem to the writer that all such organizations should confine themselves to the farmers' products as grown in their districts, and instead of trying to deal in other merchandise, endeavor to make their own business the strongest of its kind, and make their shipments better than others can do with only a limited organization.

N. F. Baker thought the Central Farmers' Institute should place itself on record as endorsing the organization of co-operative associations and, therefore, moved as follows: "Resolved, that this meeting feels that good work has been done in the past year in co-operation, and that the interest in this important matter be kept alive by earnest work of the members of this meeting." The motion was passed unanimously.

The following motion was introduced by Mr. McLaren and carried: "Be it resolved, that whereas samples of marl and limestone are used in agriculture, would be useful for purposes of instruction and identification if placed in the hands of institute members such be provided to the different institutes by the department."

The usual votes of thanks brought the convention to a close.

Dairymen's Association.

Immediately after the close of the Central Farmers' Institute meeting the delegates to the annual convention of the Dairymen and Live Stock Association assembled with A. C. Wells, of Chilliwack, in the chair. Among those present were Donald Graham, of Enderby; M. Trapp, of the lower Mainland; D. Matheson, of Armstrong; A. N. Rymer, of Kelowna; W. T. Jaynes, of Duncan; W. E. Buckingham, of Richmond; M. Urquhart, of Comox; J. T. Collins, of Salt Spring; M. Turgeon, of Saanich, and W. N. Shaw, of Nanaimo.

Two interesting and instructive papers were read during the forenoon on dairy matters. One dealt with the care necessary to insure the health of the cow and advisable precautions in milking in order to avoid contamination. Both were followed by a discussion.

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COMMITTEE FAVOR CHANGED SYSTEM

WANT A FULL PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT

Will Recommend This to City Council Next Monday Evening—Estimated Cost in Salaries.

The city council met as the streets, bridges and sewers committee last evening, and decided to recommend a number of pressing improvements. Among these will be a \$60,000 tank to provide adequate drainage facilities for the Jubilee hospital. The tank will be constructed on the grounds of the isolation hospital. A retaining wall similar to that built along the foreshore of Dallas road will be recommended for the sea front locality near the Ross Bay cemetery. The committee will also urge the adoption of a full paid fire department system. Those advocating this claim that it will effect a marked saving in insurance rates. It is estimated that a full paid system would cost \$21,600, against \$17,340, the present total.

The salaries per month are suggested as follows: Chief, \$100; assistant chief, \$75; three captains, at \$65; two engineers, at \$70; thirteen men, at \$40; eight men, at \$35; electrician, \$70. Ald. Fullerton has an alternative scheme under which the salaries per month would be divided as follows: Chief, \$100; assistant chief, \$30; senior captain, \$25; two junior captains, \$22.50; senior engineer, \$75; junior engineer, \$70; electrician, \$70; six drivers, \$35; three drivers, \$62.50; three drivers, \$30; three drivers, \$25; three drivers, \$20; total per year, \$18,360.

CELEBRATED LECTURER.

M. Funck-Brentano Will Be Here in Near Future.

The French Alliance has arranged with M. F. Funck-Brentano, a celebrated French lecturer, to give a lecture at Institute hall on Monday, March 13th, on "The Secrets of the Bastille" and "The Iron Mask."

M. Brentano is certainly a very competent speaker on this subject, having been in charge of the archives of the Bastille for many years. After ten years' work he completed the classification begun by Francois Ravaisson. He has published a number of books, among them being "Legends and Archives of the Bastille," which was crowned by the French Academy. This work has been translated into English, German, Swedish and Italian. An admission charge of fifty cents to all parts of the house will be charged. The lecture will be under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

The billiard handicap at the Vernon hotel has commenced. Tournament games are played every night, and those who are interested and want some fun should drop in and witness some close and exciting contests.

SAANICH TRUSTEES TAKE FIRM STAND

THEY WILL RESIGN IF NEW BILL PASSES

Proposed Educational Legislation Has Aroused the Ire of the District Representatives.

A meeting of the school trustees of Saanich district was held at the Royal Oaks school house last night for the purpose of considering the Education Act, now before the provincial legislature. The meeting was well attended, every school in the district but Oak Bay being represented. J. G. Elliott occupied the chair, and on motion of the meeting J. A. Grant was appointed secretary.

In opening the meeting H. B. Tanner, M. P. for the district, explained the meaning of the act, and showed that the new legislation would be quite unworkable.

There are twelve school districts in Saanich, with three trustees each, making 36 in all, on whom the responsibility of the collection of \$2,200 would rest. This is the amount that would have to be raised in order to make up for the deficiency which would arise in event of the act passing; in other words this was the saving which the provincial government intended to affect in passing the new legislation. Rather than go to this extreme, Mr. Tanner suggested that the poll tax be raised from \$3 to \$5, or that the money be raised in the ordinary way of taxation.

During the discussion which followed these suggestions received much consideration, and were generally approved as being more practicable than that in the new act.

The most remarkable feature of the meeting was the strong stand taken by the different trustees. In event of the bill becoming law these declared that they would resign in a body. It was moved by J. A. Grant, seconded by J. R. Carmichael, and carried unanimously:

"That a committee, consisting of the secretaries of each school district, together with Messrs. Welch, Loveland, Holmes, Carmichael, Pim, Little, Allison, Jones, Fowkes, Neaves, Snelling and Elliott, with power to add to their number, wait upon the minister of education on Friday, the 3rd inst., at 11.30 a.m., with the object of impressing upon the government the views of this district on the new Education Act."

After a vote of thanks to Mr. Tanner and the chairman the meeting adjourned.

WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL.

Substantial Profit Realized at Concert in Aid of Soldiers and Sailors' Home.

The committee that organized the concert for the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at the Victoria theatre on Tuesday last desire to thank most heartily all those performers and others who assisted to make the event such a great success, both socially and financially. A balance sheet of the financial results will appear when all ticket returns are received, but it is believed that over \$400 clear profit was realized.

The committee are greatly indebted to D. Roscovitz for the free use of the theatre, and to many city firms, whose names appeared on the programme, for other kind gifts and services. It is desired to specially mention also the valuable services of the petty officers and men of H. M. S. Egeria, who worked so willingly for several days decorating the theatre and gathering and preparing special furniture, etc., for the various tableaux. The candy sold at the concert was donated by the following, to all of whom the committee tender thanks: West End Grocery, Mrs. Clay, Mr. Rogers, Hattie's Store, Haddess Clarke, Co-operative Store, H. Lilley, D. W. Hanbury, Fell & Co., Speed Bros., M. R. Smith & Co., Watson & Hall, Mowat's Grocery, Johns Bros., Simon Leiser, W. H. Price, J. H. Todd & Sons, Windsor Grocery, Geo. Carter & Co. Candy boxes were donated by T. N. Hibben & Co.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The family and friends of Gorky, the Russian novelist, are greatly exasperated by his treatment, and maintain that a breach of confidence has been committed, an order for his unconditional release having been signed when bail was deposited.

Sir Henry Irving, who recently suffered from a severe chill at Wolverhampton, continues to make progress towards recovery, and no further bulletins regarding his condition will be issued.

Reports have been current in Vienna recently of the approaching betrothal of King Alfonso, of Spain, to Archduchess Gabrielle, daughter of Archduke Frederick. They have been unofficially denied.

Hon. N. Garneau, member of the Quebec legislative council, was sworn in on Wednesday as minister of agriculture in place of Hon. A. Doreau.

Pierre Forget, 100 years of age, and his wife, who is 96, celebrated at Montreal on Wednesday the 70th anniversary of their marriage, and their children "even into the fifth generation" took part in the joyous event. They have had 13 children, the youngest of whom is now 46 years of age, while the eldest, Mrs. Larose, will celebrate her golden wedding in three years.



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MRS. J. L. STANFORD DIES FROM POISON

PASSED AWAY IN HOTEL AT HONOLULU

Left Her Home in California on Account of Previous Attempt Made on Her Life.

Honolulu, March 1.—Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, widow of United States Senator Leland Stanford, died at 11:40 o'clock last night, forty minutes after she was taken ill at the Moana hotel here, under suspicious circumstances, pointing, in the opinion of the physicians who attended her in her dying hour, and seemingly in that of others, to poison by the administration of strychnine in a glass of bicarbonate of soda.

Mrs. Stanford herself, when found by a guest of the hotel who had heard her groaning in her agony and suffering from convulsions, declared, "I have been poisoned" and her last words were, "This is a horrible death to die."

The physicians said that between convulsions, Mrs. Stanford repeated the assertion that she had been poisoned, and said it was the second time that an attempt had been made, the first time being in her San Francisco home, and it was this attempt which caused her to come to Honolulu.

An autopsy on the remains showed that the cause of death was tetanus of the respiratory organs, but how this was brought about will not be known until after an examination of the contents of the stomach, the result of which examination will probably be known to-morrow.

Miss Bertha Berna, Mrs. Stanford's secretary, says that the previous attempt on the life of her employer was made January 14th last at her home on "Nob Hill," San Francisco, when strychnine was found in a bottle of Poland mineral water.

Miss Berna said to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "We went to a picnic yesterday and were planning to go to Haleiwa, a suburban resort."

"We returned to the hotel at 4 o'clock and Mrs. Stanford retired to her room for a rest. Later she dressed for dinner. When the soup was served she said that would be sufficient as she was not hungry."

"We then went to the veranda, where Mrs. Stanford planned the trip to Haleiwa for to-day. She then said she would retire early so as to be refreshed for the trip. At 8:30 Mrs. Stanford sent for her maid, May Hunt, whom she recently employed. She then

said to me, 'I shall retire and take my medicine. Please get it for me.' I got a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda, one purgative tablet and a bottle of Bartlett water. Mrs. Stanford forgot to take the medicine and lay down and slept. As soon as she awoke she took the medicine and again retired."

"Mrs. Stanford soon afterward was seized with convulsions, which threw her out of bed. The maid and myself came in answer to her call, as did also a guest from a nearby room. She said: 'I am poisoned.'"

"The convulsions continued in spite of Dr. Humphries, her physician," Dr. Humphries made the following statement to the Associated Press correspondent: "When I was called in I found Mrs. Stanford in convulsions and applied the quickest remedies, but it was of no use. She died at 11:40."

"Mrs. Stanford's condition seemed to indicate strychnine poisoning. Between convulsions her mind was unusually active, and she said: 'This is the second time they have tried it. They tried it last January, and I came here to avoid it.'"

It is reported to-night that R. A. Dunbar, the territorial food commissioner and chemical analyst, has found strychnine in the bottle of bicarbonate of soda. No report of such finding has yet been made and other chemists have been called into consultation.

EXCELLENT SHOWING.

Report on Year's Work in the War Eagle Mine.

Rossland, Feb. 28.—The annual meeting of the War Eagle Consolidated Mining and Development Company was convened in Toronto to-day, only to adjourn for one month. The report of ex-manager Kirby is, however, now available and in the hands of the shareholders.

During the year 1904 the War Eagle made an excellent showing, and fully sustained its reputation as one of the great producing mines of the world. This, too, was done under untoward conditions. Circumstances militated against very large shipments of ore.

The management devoted most of the time to developing the property and placing it on its present excellent footing. Nevertheless 61,064 tons were extracted and disposed of at a profit of a trifle over \$80,000. The average value per ton was \$12.45.

The War Eagle is now in a position to more than double its output of last year. Since the last annual report 2,220 feet of headings have been driven. New chutes of high grade ore have been discovered and blocked out in many directions and old slopes have been opened with highly satisfactory results. There are to-day few mines in the west that can show handsomer ore reserves than the War Eagle.

It is interesting to note a few statistics in connection with the development of the War Eagle since it was first worked in 1894. Then the mine produced only 48 tons. From first to last it has yielded 297,225 tons of ore worth \$5,843,396.64. Only in the year 1899 did it ship more ore than last year, the output then being 73,936 tons.

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A Turkish newspaper announced recently in recording various honors conferred on deserving soldiers of the Sultan, that Captain Ali Riza Agha, of the Zouave regiment of the Imperial Guard, had received the title of officer for having learned to read and write.

In Germany employers of labor are compelled to grant one hour's rest at midday, and women with household cares may claim an extra half hour.

WITHOUT LATE NEWS.

Russians Do Not Know Whether Kourapatkin Is Retreating or Holding His Ground.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—The curtain of a rigid censorship has settled down over events in Manchuria. There is no news of the result of yesterday's fighting. Dispatches describing the picturesque events of the night retreat from Da pass, and the all-night combat at the railroad bridge across the Shalke river, have been allowed to come through, but nothing to show whether Gen. Kourapatkin is withdrawing or is determined to stand his ground. It is significant that no news has been received from the threatened left flank, the last dispatches leaving the Russians clinging desperately to Ouhensup against strong forces of Gen. Kuroki's veterans.

Although it is not admitted at the war office, the general impression in military circles is that Gen. Kourapatkin may be forced to withdraw. Not only is Gen. Kuroki threatening his communications, but the redoubts at Puitoff and Novgorod hills, and even the Shalke river, keys to the position of the Russian centre, appear to be crumbling away under the impact of the terrible shells which levelled the fortifications of Port Arthur and rendered the fortress untenable. No troops will be able to retain the position long if the bombardment continues.

It develops the Russians were unable to hold permanently the southern end of the railroad bridge across the Shalke river. The advance of the right wing seems for the moment to have come to a standstill. Magnificent spring weather set in to-day.

Fired Blindly.

General Okla's Headquarters, Feb. 28, 4 p.m., via Fusan, March 1.—Last night five companies of Russian infantry attacked Lantun, aided by a terrible artillery fire. After desperate hand-to-hand fighting, which lasted for an hour and a half, the Russians were repulsed, leaving sixty dead. Many trophies were taken as well as some prisoners. The Japanese loss did not exceed fifty.

Small detachments of Russians also attacked at many other points, but in every case they were repulsed.

The Japanese left wing is driving back the Russian outposts. The Japanese have occupied a line from Shatzemun, two miles west of the Hun river, in a northwesterly direction, to Kalita, on the east bank of the Liao river.

A heavy bombardment along the entire line west of the railroad is in progress night and day. The Russians are firing blindly with field and heavy guns. The Japanese remain in their position and make no serious response to the Russian fire.

THE REVOLT IN ARABIA.

Several Towns Surrounded by Insurgents—Number of Turkish Troops Are Deserting.

Constantinople, March 1.—The present insurrection of Yemen province, Arabia, appears to put in the shade all previous revolutions. The centre of the movement is at Saada, northward of Sanaa, capital city of Yemen province, and already there are signs of its extension to the provinces of Assyr. The insurgents have again surrounded Sanaa, and a stubborn fight has been in progress for five days. Many of the Turkish troops refuse to resist any further, and are deserting.

In the south, the towns of Arab and Hidgeh, the latter containing 2,000 troops, with four guns, are surrounded and on the point of capitulation. The alleged victory of February 1st, when it was officially announced that the Turkish forces had routed the rebels investing Sanaa and Hoida, Yemen province, and had relieved the besieged garrison of Sanaa, turns out to have been an insurgent success.

Turkish defective transportation delays the dispatch of reinforcement. The object of the insurrection is believed to be the creation of autonomous Arab state.

TROUBLE FEARED.

Rumors That Russians Workmen Are Planning a Revolutionary Demonstration.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Next Saturday being the anniversary of the emancipation of the serfs, rumors have been in circulation that the day has been selected for notable events. According to some of the rumors the workmen are planning an immense revolutionary demonstration, while according to other reports the government intends commemorating the anniversary by issuing a manifesto establishing some form of representative legislation.

It was stated positively, however, on competent authority that there is no intention on the part of the government to signalize Saturday by any special manifestation; and plans for a demonstration of workmen, if there are any, have not yet reached the men or the Liberal leaders.

On the other hand it seems certain that the recently revised council of ministers, at its weekly session, is considering the all important question of reform and evolving governmental alterations of a momentous character, but what form these changes are to take it is impossible to ascertain with positiveness. Presumably the council is discussing the means of bringing the government and the people in closer touch.

According to current reports, the decision has been reached that the Zemsky Sobor would be an unsatisfactory agent for doing this, and that the ministers are now considering other measures looking to the same end. A definite announcement of their decision as to the nature of the proposed reforms is not expected for some time.

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A SOCIETY DRAMA AT VICTORIA THEATRE

Paul Gilmore and Company in "The Mummy and the Humming Bird"—Other Attractions.

The well-known society play, "The Mummy and the Humming Bird," was presented at the Victoria theatre last night by Paul Gilmore and company for the second time since it was incorporated in this capable young actor's repertoire. It succeeded the "Tyranny of Tears," a production also of the domestic order, in which, by the way, John Drew scored one of his most positive hits. Mr. Gilmore in taking up these two plays, in which so eminent a comedian as John Drew has been significantly successful, exhibited a certain amount of daring, and it must be admitted a considerable degree of commercial acumen.

In the first place it is a daring feat to follow so closely in the footsteps of a Drew, such as the much-admired ex-quisite John is, and secondly it shows genuine shrewdness in taking hold of plays that have so highly pleased the exalted critics of the Mecca and Medina of stagemod, London and Paris. But it is quite evident that Mr. Gilmore's venture has been attended with success, or he would long since have kicked "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" into oblivion as far as he was concerned. Instead he found last year so profitable that he decided to take another round with the play this season.

The plot of the piece is simple enough. A husband, Lord Lumley, deep in scientific researches, unintentionally, or rather insensibly, neglects his wife, who although she has everything that wealth can acquire, pines for something else—her better half's companionship. Not getting it she receives the attentions of the society villain, an Italian literary lion, one Signor D'Orelli, who tries to induce Lady Lumley to elope with him. Fortunately the husband becomes alive to the danger threatening his home, and saves the situation, appreciating the extent to which his negligence had contributed to the tension of marital relations. Of course under ordinary circumstances it would be difficult to get rid of the villain without a duel, or something of the sort, which would create a scandal, but in the play an excellent instrument comes providentially to his Lordship's hand. This is an Italian organ grinder whose home D'Orelli had ruined in Sicily, and who had journeyed to London in search of the scoundrel, to fulfill his vow of vengeance—Vendetta. Lumley engages the Italian as valet, and uses him to scare the scheming literature forever from the scene.

Paul Gilmore, although quite a young man, is a capital Lord Lumley, saving a few mannerisms in speech and manner which may have been the nobleman's or his own. He has all the requisites of a successful comedian, an agreeable voice, a pleasing presence and apparently the indispensable temperament. His work last evening was thoroughly enjoyable. John Martin was the real article as a Sicilian with a vendetta. He lusted for the blood of his enemy with all the ferocity of a chief sachem of the Mafia. Miss Anne Williams was a very pleasing Lady Lumley. Theo. Terry conscientiously played the part of the villain, Signor D'Orelli, who gets nothing but imprecations from the audience. The rest of the company supported according to their opportunities.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

COWARDICE CHARGED AGAINST GOVERNMENT

Chas. Munro Made Telling Attack Upon School Policy—J. Murphy Also Delivered Splendid Address.

Victoria, March 1st, 1905.

The School Bill is still before the legislature. To-day there was added to the debate the speech of the Premier in defence of the bill, and Chas. Munro and J. Murphy in criticism of it.

The Premier, in the absence of anything good to say of the act, found fault with John Oliver for looking to the interests of his constituents rather than the country at large. He also contended that the people of the province, as in the case of the Assessment Act, would be prepared to bear the increased burden.

Chas. Munro, who does not very frequently address the legislature, but who nevertheless is capable of bringing a very ripe judgment to bear on public questions, and has the ability to express his opinion in the choicest language, contributed an address which will not be excelled during the whole debate. He made a deep impression on both sides of the House when he pointed out that if the bill was passed those responsible for its passage would stand convicted of cowardice, inasmuch as they increased the taxation without having the manliness to come out and state that they were doing so.

J. Murphy's address also was an able one, and he scored the government very severely in the happy view which he usually adopts.

Prayers were read by Rev. Dr. J. Campbell, Ph.D.

Petition.

John Oliver presented a petition from A. Ohlson, secretary of the B. C. Association of Nurserymen, asking for amendments to the Horticultural Board Act.

This was laid on the table.

New Bills.

The following bills were introduced, read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow:

By Henry Tanner—A bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Manufacture, Inspection and Storage of Explosives."

By Hon. R. G. Telford—A bill intituled "An Act to aid the Municipality of the City of Nelson."

By Hon. R. McBride—A bill intituled "An Act to carry out an agreement respecting the Incorporation of the City of Fernie."

Question of Privilege.

John Oliver, on a question of privilege.

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This was unpopular legislation. Anything which affected taxation was unpopular in this respect. There was necessity for this legislation, however. Over half a million was required for education. If that was to be given, the public works would have to suffer. As a matter of fairness to the districts which required roads being opened up this measure was necessary. The section complained of where the trustees had to make statements as to certain facts was taken from the school act of New Brunswick. The school system of that province was well in advance of other parts of the Dominion. The present act was framed largely on the school laws of that province.

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took exception to the fact that the votes and proceedings of Friday were not absolutely correct in so far as no record was made of the fact that the Premier had moved a resolution on better terms, which was withdrawn in favor of another one introduced.

The Premier said he had no objection to amending the record of the proceedings in this respect.

The Speaker said that he had agreed to the form in which the subject appeared in the votes and proceedings because the leader of the government and the leader of the opposition agreed to withdraw the former resolution. In view of this he thought the proper course would be along the lines in which it appeared.

The Premier further explained that the amended resolution had been drafted by himself, and agreed to by the leader of the opposition. This explanation was made in view of the fact that it had been represented differently in some papers.

With the consent of the House the votes and proceedings were amended in line with Mr. Oliver's suggestion.

Asylum Lands.

John Oliver moved the following resolution: "That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence between the government, or any member thereof, and the municipality of Coquitlam, or any officer thereof, in respect of taxes upon lands acquired by the government in connection with the establishment of a farm in connection with the Insane asylum at New Westminster."

In support of the resolution Mr. Oliver said that he had understood that the government had agreed to pay the taxes. Since that he had found that this was not quite according to the fact, and he asked for the present return in order that the fullest information might be obtained.

Hon. R. T. Green said that he had no objection to bringing down the papers. He said that he had not stated that the government had promised to pay the taxes.

Questions and Answers.

John Oliver asked the Attorney-General the following question: What authority had the government to convey lands in Burnaby to E. Pohlman in exchange for lands in Coquitlam?

Hon. Chas. Wilson replied as follows: "By authority of section 3, chapter 160, of the revised statutes, 1897, being the act of the legislature, and by an order-in-council, approved on the 11th of May, 1904."

Mr. Evans asked the Premier the following question: Is it the intention of the government during the present session to introduce a bill dealing with the superannuation list, according to promise made last session?

Hon. R. McBride replied as follows: "The government is considering the question of introducing legislation with respect to the provincial civil service. This would include the matter of superannuation."

Land Registry Bill.

The House then went into committee on the bill to amend the Land Registry Act with J. Murphy in the chair.

During the debate J. A. Macdonald said that the mining industry was sick of the "winkering" with the mining laws of the province.

The committee rose and reported the bill.

Premier on School Act.

On the adjourned debate on the School Act Premier McBride said that Mr. Oliver seemed to look upon this bill from the standpoint of Delta rather than from the standpoint of the province. He did not think that the farmers of the province would hesitate to bear their share in the burdens of maintaining the schools when the situation was thoroughly understood. The cry was made a few years ago, when the cities were made to bear a considerable part in the maintenance of schools, that it would press very severely. The result had not been as was represented. Several of the city High schools had even been equipped to do second year university work. The rural districts would not shrink the responsibility in this respect. This new system would result in the school affairs. There would be added interest in the management of the schools in consequence of this.

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had pretty fully covered the ground. It had been charged that Mr. Oliver had spoken from the standpoint of Delta. Perhaps he did, and he had a duty to do so, as every member had a right to speak in the interests of their constituency.

The young people growing up were the most valuable asset of the province. They were growing up, and would soon take their part in opening up the districts to cultivation. These young people formed the best class of population.

Had the minister assured the House that this act would relieve the public of one dollar of expense? No, he had not. He had assured them that the treasury would be relieved.

He had said that it was now up to the people to maintain the efficiency of the educational system. That was a poor stand to take. If that were applied to other departments what would be the result? The object of a government actuated by the spirit of statesmanship was "the greatest good to the commonwealth." (Applause). The case of British Columbia for better terms was founded on the statement that the conditions in British Columbia were different from those in the other provinces, and that, therefore, different treatment was required. In Manitoba and other provinces it was found that the school districts differed little from one another. The schools were a uniform distance from one another, and the sections had practically the same ability to raise the money. In British Columbia it was different. Schools were provided to meet the conditions. In some of these sections the residents could not afford to clothe the children and provide text books. This was a case of discrimination against the poorer sections. Then it was unfair to ask the cities and towns with shifting populations to provide accommodation for these. This act tended to drive people to socialism. He did not know that this was the object of the bill, but it had that effect.

The government had again cried out: "What shall we do?" This cry had been heard last session also. He attributed the bill not to the evil in the government, but to that negative quality which some of them seemed to possess to such a great degree.

Mr. Munro offered suggestions to the government. He said that there was an opportunity to curtail expenses in the lands and works department. He instanced two cases of two-roomed schools being built 74 feet by 38 feet. Through the centre ran his 18 feet by 38 feet. This was not necessary when the financial condition of the province was considered. He said that he could even understand the government putting the maintenance of High schools upon the ratepayers, but a common school education should be provided for all children.

Reading the duties of school trustees, he said that he doubted if any man could be found to accept of the position. He had not spoken to a single trustee who had not threatened to resign. The trustees were made into school inspectors. These men would resign office. The secretary was entitled to about \$5.75 for the initiating work required. But the remuneration would more likely be about \$3.

If this bill was passed the legislators stood confessedly branded as cowards, because they did what they dare not come out and confess they would do—increase the taxation. This was not intended to reduce taxation, and the minister would not say it was.

In concluding, Mr. Munro stated that he would vote against the second reading of the bill for the following reasons:

1. It is at variance with sound principles of political economy.

2. It is a discrimination against the poorer school districts.

3. It will drive the best teachers out of the profession.

4. It imposes the most absurd and ridiculous duties upon school boards.

5. It will remove one of the greatest inducements to a desirable class of immigrants.

6. If retrenchment is imperative it could and should be attained without class legislation.

J. Murphy's Address.

James Murphy was reminded of the question of what a session of the legislature meant. The answer was that it gave an opportunity to increase the mortgage on the farm. That was what this bill meant. The legislature had been in session three weeks without any bill affecting the welfare of the country being brought down.

He did not expect the government to put this bill forward seriously. He expected the bill would have been withdrawn. The government took the position that a certain amount was to be voted to the schools, and it then rested with the public to see that the schools were kept up or let go. This act aimed at the very foundation of civilization, namely, the education of the children. The government must accept the responsibility for education.

Why had the surplus not been devoted to the maintenance of public works instead of cutting the schools short. (Laughter). He referred to the vote for roads and bridges in Cariboo, which had been cut short because there was a by-election in Lillooet. (Laughter). He instanced the dismissal of the best road superintendent in Cariboo for political reasons as showing that the government was not very solicitous concerning public works.

W. J. Bowser moved the adjournment of the debate.

Delegation's Report.

Hon. F. J. Fulton presented a copy of the report submitted to His Honor the

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Bridges Amendment.

Hon. F. Green moved the second reading of the amendment to the Bridges Act. The bill passed its second reading, and was committed with A. H. B. Macgowan in the chair.

The bill was reported.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

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THE RESERVE AGAIN.

We trust our readers will pardon us for once more alluding to the Songhees Indian reserve question. The citizens of Victoria have been agitating and passing resolutions upon the subject for a generation or two without producing any visible effect upon those in authority. In our own times it was quite evident that the question was ripe for settlement. The federal government, as trustee for the Indians, intimated the terms upon which it would consent to removal, and the proposals were accepted by the local authorities as fair and reasonable. But there were secret obstacles standing in the way of the action the people of this city deemed necessary in the interests of the Indians and of themselves. Apparently the inexplicable obstruction has at last been disposed of, as the McBride government has intimated its intention of asking the Legislature to give it power to act. That is to say, the ministers desire to have a free hand and to avoid the necessity of asking the representatives of the people to agree to any scheme of settlement into which they may enter. The Legislature, it is proposed, shall endorse in advance the

policy of the administration with respect to the valuable property embraced in the reserve. Obviously such a proposition should not be entertained by the Legislature. The members should maintain their rights, notwithstanding the fact that the City Council of Victoria has been hoodwinked into acquiescence in the programme of the government. We have waited many years on the convenience of the government with respect to this matter. We should not become parties in advance to a disposition of property which may be indefensible in our eagerness to get a troublesome question finally disposed of. A grave scandal is about to be ventilated in connection with the exchange of lands in Burnaby for property in Coquitlam upon the plea that it was necessary for the government to secure a farm in order that the inmates of the asylum for the insane should be given suitable employment. It is alleged that the property of the government in Burnaby was at least of ten times the value of the land in Coquitlam owned by speculators and taken in exchange. There will probably be an investigation and revelations sufficiently significant to establish the fact that the McBride government cannot be trusted to act with a single eye to the interests of the people. Powerful influences are being brought into action in the immediate neighborhood of Victoria at the present time, and if the government be given power to dispose of the reserve as it deems fit, we predict that the result will be the reverse of satisfactory to the people of Victoria.

THE REAL SINNERS.

It is granted that the federal government proposes to deal most liberally with the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan in the matter of monetary allowances. But the special considerations as compared with the compact with the older provinces are on account of the retention by the Dominion of the public lands. As the population increases, up to a certain figure the grants substituted for the surrender of the public domain increase proportionately. The revenue derived from the sale of the lands in question is to be applied to the encouragement of immigration. British Columbia has no ground for complaint or for allegations of unfair discrimination. We decided to retain our lands. And we are not to be congratulated upon the uses we have made of them. We pride ourselves with reason upon the magnitude and the extent of the resources latent in our landed heritage, but to what purposes have we applied them? In what respect have we devoted them to the endowment of provincial institutions or to lessening the burdens of taxation? Our magnificent coal fields, for instance, of what direct benefit have they been to the public? They were all sacrificed. By means of them governments have created individual millionaires and left the people none the better off because of their existence. If the conditions which exist to-day be perpetuated, every new discovery will be disposed of after the same manner. And the politicians we in our blindness have set up raise their voices and rail at the federal government, as if the sins we have committed against ourselves and against those who shall follow us could be transferred to other shoulders! Out upon such hypocrisy!

It is not surprising that the Boers of South Africa are free in their criticisms of the methods of government proposed for the colonies by the British. True to traditions, the Imperial government has decided that justice shall be meted out to all classes irrespective of color, creed or absence of creed. The natives are, subject to certain restrictions, to be given a voice in the administration of affairs. The special commission appointed a year ago to investigate has just made its report. It recommends that the word "native" shall be held to include all aborigines south of the equator, all half-castes and their descendants by natives. Further it approves the delimitation of reserves and instruction in Christianity and morals. It also supports the findings of the Transvaal Native-Labor Commission, and puts the shortage of native labor in South Africa at 307,528. The remedies suggested are the checking of the practice of squatting, the imposition of a tax on locations based on the number of able-bodied natives domiciled therein, the imposition of a rent on natives living on crown lands, and the encouragement of a high standard among natives by education as well as industrial and manual training. It further recommends direct taxation by means of a poll or hut tax of not less than \$5 a year in any colony, farm servants in continuous employment being exempted. With regard to the franchise, it decides that natives should have some measure of representation in the legislature of the country. This is to be effected by separate native constituencies, so that no native shall vote in an election for any candidate for whom a European has the right to vote.

The girls of Kansas City have discovered a new way of solving an old problem. The men being averse to facing the ordeal of proposing marriage according to the orthodox or conventional or established fashion, and still being willing to enter upon holy thralldom providing the process be made less embarrassing, the coy maidens undertake to find a way. The result is that drawings are held at stated intervals, and the miss

who throws the lucky or unlucky number, according to the course of events, bears her prize off to a magistrate and has the seal applied before he has an opportunity to repent. This method has the one disadvantage, or what old-fashioned women would perhaps regard as a disadvantage, of limiting freedom of choice—the inalienable right of all free-born citizens—but their matrimony by lottery, literally, has a convenient handmaid in the divorce court, through whose agency any miscalculations of Hymen can easily be rectified.

We hope we are not doing an injustice to the McBride government in suggesting that it acts as though it regarded the present session of the Legislature as an insufferable bore, that it will bring down as little business as possible, and spring prorogation as soon as a convenient opportunity presents itself.

The following from a contemporary is specially appropos of the situation in British Columbia:

M.P.'s of speech redundant; For as their task grows moribund Their words grow more abundant.

JUGGLERY WITH THE RESERVE.

To the Editor:—What kind of a deal have we on now with the Songhees reserve question? A few weeks ago a petition signed by the most influential of our citizens was presented to the city fathers requesting a safeguarding of Victoria's interest. No city council, through Mayor Barnard, backing up the provincial government in an attempt to remove from the floor of the legislature this important question. The public are against this hole-in-the-corner method of settlement, the reason for the same being only too apparent. Why this fishy atmosphere surrounding the Indian reserve? In wigwam, council chamber and legislative hall the same foul, fishy smell. Have the Conservatives in the municipal and legislative fields united in potlatch and pow-wow; a fishy feast with C. P. R. sauce? It is time for our citizens to inquire the meaning of all and whether or no corporate strings are attached to the offices of mayor, aldermen, city solicitor and city barrister. A general investigation and clearing out process is necessary if purity in public administration is to be maintained. Vancouver has started the ball rolling. Victoria's next play.

OBSERVER.

BORRIE'S ESSAY ON EDITORS. Milwaukee Sentinel Review.

They are 3 kinds of editors:

1. Boss editors.
2. Other editors.
3. Sporting editors.

I would like to be the sporting editor because he gets into all the fights and nail gains free and the other editors pay when they go, but don't go they ain't got time. The boss editor is the best job for munny. Editors is pretty hard to lick they don't get licked much. Once my Pa tried to lick an editor but got licked himself and came home with a eye all black and Ma said it serves ya right trying to talk away the freedom of the Press.

THE LIMIT OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE. Philadelphia Record.

There isn't anything in the whole world that a man knows as much about as a woman knows about dress.

THE PRIEST'S ADVICE.

Canon McAlpine, of Clifton, Galway, in a recent public speech, said the people would be fools to starve so long as fat sheep were grazing on the hillside or sleek kine were browsing on the plain.

A very amusing sequel to this advice is reported by the Irish Times. A few nights after the speech a local humorist stole all the canon's turkeys, and wrote to him next day thanking him for the hint.

THE DIVINE FIRE.

New Work Favorably Received—May Sinclair's Brother Formerly Lived in Victoria.

The greatest of the booksellers' organs devotes two columns only to a review of works of fiction published in 1904, and considered worth special notice.

Of this startlingly concise critique about one-fifteenth is devoted to a book, of which we have only just heard of here, though written by the sister of one of our own people.

"The Divine Fire," by May Sinclair, is described as having made the hit of the year in America, but it is not only in America that the book has been a brilliant success.

The publisher's critic makes one mistake. "May Sinclair" is no debutante in literature. The great publisher, Blackwood, has already published one of her works, and three at least—"Andrey Craven," "Two Sides of a Question" and "Mr. and Mrs. Nevill Tyson"—have been extremely well received in England.

For some time past critics have organized an epigrammatic brilliancy in Miss Sinclair's dialogue, which will compare favorably with the best work of Miss Thorneycroft Fowler, added to a purity in English rare amongst modern novelists, and a subtlety in delineating character which is almost uncanny.

"The Divine Fire" is the best example of Miss Sinclair's work yet given to the public, and it is doubtful whether even this talented woman will produce many more such living characters as charming Lucia Hardon, and that very perfect gentleman Savage Rickman, but her success has been such that we shall have specimens of her work no doubt in all the leading magazines for some time to come. To those who want to read the masterpiece of one of the coming women in fiction "The Divine Fire" is recommended.

Some local interest is added to Miss Sinclair's work by the fact that two of her brothers have been British Columbians. To those who know them it is safe to assert that his sister's writing is even more finished in style than "old Joe's" cricket. Ask Vancouver whether that is high praise.

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Tobacco is Government Monopoly—Cigarettes That Won't Stay Lighted.

That long-suffering individual, the French taxpayer, is at present indulging in an energetic protest against the tobacco regime. The manufacture of tobacco in every form is in France a government monopoly. The result is inferior wares.

I do not mean that the French tobacco is unwholesome. On the contrary, I believe that the products of the regime are all sound tobacco, without deleterious mixture of any kind. They may be a little trying to a delicate larynx, but they will not wreck the nerves or ruin the digestion.

One of the most common causes of complaint is the unsatisfactory way in which the tobacco is prepared. Sometimes one finds great bits of wood among the leaves. I sometimes imagine that the two monopolies, telegraph and tobacco, get mixed, and that an occasional telegraph pole gets chopped up and finds its way into the packets of Caporal. The regime explains that these chunks of wood are from the branches of the tobacco plant.

Of late years, however, the regime has shown a little consideration for its customers, and introduced a finer cigarette of Spanish tobacco. At first they were very good, but now they have developed a peculiar faculty of smoking away all by themselves. If one lays one down for half a minute and goes to pick it up, all that is left is a little packet of gray ashes.

This peculiarity is the more irritating that it is in direct contrast to the average French cigarette, which, unless pulled at continually, at once goes out. I sometimes think that this is arranged purposely in order to encourage the consumption of matches, these being also a government monopoly.

If a smoker requires an average of five matches to get to the end of each cigarette, and only five matches in ten light (a record for the French match), the result to the minister of finance must be very satisfactory.—London Graphic.

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The late Prince Herbert Bismarck had the reputation of having a decidedly brusque manner in society. Once at a royal reception he bumped roughly against an Italian prelate, who looked at him indignantly. "You evidently don't know who I am," said the Prince haughtily. "I am Herbert Bismarck." "Oh," answered the prelate, "if that doesn't amount to an apology it is certainly a perfect explanation."

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—The clearings for the week ending February 28th were \$700,425. For the month they amounted to \$2,100,790, a falling off from the same month in 1904, when they were \$2,746,221. In February, 1903, they were \$2,092,797; 1902, \$1,925,137; 1901, \$2,187,391.

—Victoria Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., will meet this evening in their hall, when rank work will be the principal business. Members of the team are requested to be in attendance, as their services will be required. Committee reports will also come forward and other matters of importance to the order will be discussed.

—The February customs returns for the port of Victoria are as follows: Import values: Dutiable, \$106,185; free, \$13,849; total, \$120,034. Export values: Domestic, \$40,848; foreign, \$202,248; total, \$243,096. Duty, \$40,480.68; Chinese, \$16,000; other, \$77.10; total, \$40,557.78.

—The library returns for February are as follows: Books issued, 1,471; highest number issued in one day, 100; average number, 61; new members, 10; ladies, 9; gentlemen, 7. The following new books were received during the month: "Reisat Not Evil," from W. McAmble; Statutes of Nevada; "Life After Death"; "In Tune With the Infinite"; "Mind, Power and Privileges"; "Etdiorphus," from W. H. Marcon.

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—Information received by H. E. Tanner, M. P. P., from Ottawa, gives the news that an inspector for Vancouver Island under the Fruit Marks Act will be appointed without delay.

—The finance committee of the San Francisco board of supervisors has recommended that certain portions of the long pending bill of F. M. York & Co. for street paving repairs, concerning which there is no dispute, be paid the firm. This action will affect both the August and September bills.

—In South Nanaimo yesterday afternoon, Mr. Allan Cameron Wilson, third son of the local sanitary officer, and Miss Jessie Snowden, daughter of Mr. Isaac Snowden of that city were joined in marriage by Rev. Mr. Miller, formerly pastor of St. Barnabas's church. The event took place at the residence of the bride's parents. The groom was supported by Mr. Orlando Vaughan, while Miss Elliot and Miss Snowden acted as bridesmaids. After the wedding the party took the train for Victoria en route to the Sound cities. On their return they will take up their residence in Victoria.

—The first social held in the new Methodist parsonage, Sidney, on the evening of March 1st, was a successful event. Many favorable comments were passed on the workmanship and design of the building. A pleasant evening was passed with vocal and instrumental music, parlor games, agreeable and profitable conversation. Mr. Kirkendale, of the steamer Iroquois, delighted the audience by his eloquent and humorous recitations. Rev. T. H. and Mrs. Wright were the recipients of many expressions of thanks for providing such an enjoyable evening.

—C. K. Ober, senior field secretary of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of America, and C. J. Hicks, another international secretary, are paying a visit to the Pacific coast. They are today holding a conference in Seattle with the state committee of Washington and Oregon. They will be in Vancouver tomorrow discussing the association situation and outlook in British Columbia. President Bolton, Director Wm. Major and Secretary Northcott will leave to-night for Vancouver to confer with these gentlemen.

—William White, of the King's Head saloon, Johnson street, who is one of the most experienced hunters in the city, has recently had added to his collection of trophies a white-breasted brant and a white-breasted blue grouse. Both birds were recently shot on Sidney Island, and are rare curiosities. Mr. White says he never saw birds of this kind so marked before, and his statement is borne out by many others who use the gun. The walls of the King's Head are covered with animal heads, stuffed birds, horns, etc., many having been taken from remote points in the North Pacific.

—Thomas Young was charged in the police court this morning with breaking into the residence of Thomas Martindale on Sunday night and stealing a ring, a brooch, and a revolver. There was quite a crowd in the police court when the case was called. W. Moresby announced that he appeared for the accused and applied for a remand until Saturday, which was granted. It is quite likely that a charge of breaking into the residence of Rev. Mr. Adams will also be preferred against the young man. Several express drivers, were fined five dollars each for occupying stands other than those specified in the by-law.

At the regular meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council last evening A. Johnson, chairman of the organization committee, reported that the lady members of the Laundry Workers' Union were arranging to hold a social dance, and requested patronage. The legislative committee reported the defeat of the bill regulating hours of labor in smelters, which was received with regret. Upon the request of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union the secretary was instructed to furnish information regarding the number of telegraphers employed in Victoria. The legislative committee reported that they had organized, with J. D. McNiven as chairman and J. Heanski secretary. C. A. Ferris presented his credentials as a delegate from the Cigarmakers' Union.



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CUT RATES ARE ENFORCED TO-DAY

INTERESTING RIVALRY ON THE SOUND ROUTE

Tacoma Fast in the Ice—Shamrock Will Run Again on the Arm in the Summer.

To-day a rate war has been inaugurated on the Victoria and Seattle route that has all the appearance of a lasting fight with all the advantages accruing which makes an event of this kind so interesting and appreciable to the public. In yesterday's Times the announcement appeared of the proposed reduction in fares to \$1.25 for single journey and \$2 for return trip. This was in accordance with action first taken in Seattle and followed up in this city to-day. What will happen next between the two companies will be awaited by the public with no little concern. There are those who predict that the rate will be cut to 50 cents, but if this is done it would appear that the initiative will have to be taken by the Alaska Steamship Company, the C. P. R. simply meeting each reduction as it is made. Capt. Troup stated this morning that he had little comment to make on the statement of Supt. Burns, of the Puget Sound Navigation Company, which is published in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The argument that the American company's earnings \$110,000 a year in Seattle and nothing in Victoria is not the kind, he thinks, that will strongly appeal to Victorians. This interview referred to is as follows:

"If the Canadian Pacific people are looking for a rate war, they will get it," said Superintendent Burns, of the Puget Sound Navigation Company, yesterday, when questioned concerning the action of the former concern in announcing a reduction of rates between this city and Victoria.

We are not courting any trouble of this kind, continued Mr. Burns, nor shall we make any formal announcement until the C. P. R. people show that their announcement was made in earnest. I expect that there will be considerable business between this city and Victoria this summer, and we shall do our best to get a share of it. The Canadian Pacific people have made various statements of late regarding what they were going to do in connection with the business in question, and I understand, have made promises to the merchants at Victoria that they will see to it that the money expended in conducting a line of steamers between these ports will all be spent in the Canadian city. Whether or not they can make good on this statement remains to be seen. We have a year's lease on the wharf which we are using at Victoria at present, and so are certain of being in a position to make a fight for the business for that length of time, at least. What will come afterward remains to be seen.

Mr. Burns stated that it cost in the neighborhood of \$110,000 a year to operate the two boats of the company between here and Victoria, and all of that money was spent in Seattle, as it represented expenditure for wages, fuel and other supplies. If the company should allow themselves to be driven out of business by the Canadian line this money would be lost to this city, as that company spends practically nothing this side of the line. The Puget Sound Navigation Company operates two steamers between this city and Victoria during the summer, the Whatcom and the Rosalie. The latter is taken out during the winter months.

The only other local company carrying passengers between the two points is the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, and they only make the stop on the regular five-day run to and from San Francisco. At the offices of this company it was stated that while the matter had not been considered as yet it was probable that they would meet the rates made by the other lines, although the business between the points in question was only incidental, so far as they were concerned.

NEW CAR FERRY.

"The largest railroad car ferry ever built in British Columbia is now being turned out at the Wallace shipyard, False Creek, for MacKenzie Bros.," says the Vancouver Province.

The ferry is to be used by that firm for transporting railroad cars and coal between Comox and one of the up-coast smelters. The barge will be 202 feet in length by a beam of 40 feet and a depth of 10 feet. When fully loaded the ferry will draw about seven feet of water. Certain of the frames will be carried upward to form supports for the heavy bulwarks to be provided. On the deck,

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Another big lot of Wool Dress fabrics put out for to-morrow's selling. Regular values were 50c., 75c. and 90c. a yard. FRIDAY..... 25c

Children's Dresses

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THE GORGE SERVICE.

Capt. Hare, of the little pleasure steamer Shamrock, says that in another month he will haul his steamer out on some ways to put her in readiness for another season on the Arm. He will carry passengers from the Bay up to the Gorge as he did last year, and believes that many will prefer travelling by water to making the trip on street car. Especially will this be the case during the warmer part of the season. He will put his boat on the run just as soon as he sees that there will be sufficient travel to warrant him doing so.

FAST IN ICE.

The San Francisco marine exchange has been notified from Nagasaki that the Northwestern Steamship Company's steamer Tacoma is fast in the ice of Sado Straits. It is thought that two other ships are in the same vicinity. Secretary Trenholm, of the Northwestern Company, believes that while the Tacoma may reach some near-by harbor when the ice breaks up, the squeezing which she will and has already received will injure her so badly that it is extremely doubtful if she will be worth repairing. It is thought that the officers and crew will stay by the ship.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

Passed by Victoria Bar Association—Tribute to Sir Henry Crease.

The funeral of Sir Henry Crease is taking place this afternoon. Yesterday at a meeting of the Victoria Bar Association the following resolution was passed:

"That the members of the Victoria Bar Association desire to convey to Lady Crease and the members of the family of the late Sir Henry P. P. Crease, Knt., some expression of their sympathy in their recent bereavement. The long life of Sir Henry P. P. Crease was the history of one who was a scholar, statesman and jurist. He rowed for his college at Cambridge University; he was a noted linguist, skillful parliamentarian and erudite judge. Those who had the good fortune to know him and meet with him in social life, practice with him at the bar, and appear before him in the courts, unite in bearing testimony to his unfailing courtesy, wonderful patience and sturdy upholding of all Christian principles and professional ethics. His was a life that was the personification of a life nobly lived and well spent. His memory will live long in the annals of the political, professional and judicial history of the country. His impress is upon its laws, and his memory will long be cherished by the members of a profession of which he was such a distinguished ornament.

It is with expressions of high regard and deep affection for his memory, and with the most heartfelt sympathy to Lady Crease and the members of the family, that this resolution is proposed and tendered.

It was further resolved that the resolution be suitably engrossed and presented to Lady Crease.

SYDNEY CHILD,
Secretary Victoria Bar Association.

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RESPECT BRIGHT FOR
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Says Victoria Will Have Good Team—
Preparations for Annual Meeting of
Local Lacrosse Club.

John J. McCloskey, who has been associated with the management of Pacific coast baseball leagues for years, is here in the interests of the newly organized Northwest International Baseball League. He called at the Times yesterday and announced that the outlook could not be more favorable. There was every indication that Victorians would take up the proposition and enter a team and support it with the same enthusiasm evidenced by the citizens of Vancouver, Bellingham and other interested cities. A stock company was being formed, and already many prominent businessmen had purchased shares. The B. C. Electric Railway Company contributed \$500, while Stephen Jones, proprietor of the Dominion hotel, and a number of prominent merchants were taking an active interest in the project. Under the circumstances, Mr. McCloskey says, there is no doubt that, when the series commences, Victoria will be found with a first-class team in the field and, not only ready, but anxious for the race to start. Regarding the question of grounds Mr. McCloskey thinks that no difficulty will be experienced in coming to a satisfactory arrangement for the use of those at Oak Bay. He acknowledges that on some occasions league games might clash with important amateur lacrosse events, but is of the opinion that such a possibility could be foreseen and avoided by the managers. He pointed out the advantages of the project, and of the possibilities of making it a splendid financial success. The short jumps, the equitable division of gate and grand stand receipts and the salary limit all made it practically impossible for any of the clubs to go behind. However, if Victoria found, after playing the first portion of the series, that the undertaking was unprofitable no objection would be made to a withdrawal. In such a case Sedro-Woley, a small but lively town, would be granted the franchise. But he hadn't any doubt that once started such general interest would be aroused that the local team would not wish to leave the circuit.

Mr. McCloskey, during his stay in Victoria, has become much impressed with the variety of sport taken up by the different athletic organizations. He attended the Association football match on Saturday between the Garrison and Victoria-United teams—the first game of the kind he had ever witnessed—and was delighted. But it wasn't this that attracted his attention so much as the practice of the Victoria ladies' hockey team in progress on the adjoining grounds. "That's what we want on the American side," he remarked. "The young ladies there don't take any active interest in outdoor athletics. Why, the girls I saw playing at Oak Bay had the ruddy glow of health in their cheeks, and it was a pleasure to watch their sprightly and scientific play style on the field."

This stirring eulogy of Victoria athletes prompted the remark: "Were you not the man, Mr. McCloskey, who expressed the opinion that ping pong and cricket were our only recreations?" An expression of indignation spread over the countenance of the baseball manager as he replied emphatically: "No, I never said that. It appeared in connection with an interview I gave in Seattle, I know, but I was misunderstood. I was explaining that, while many believed the true sporting spirit could not be found in Victoria, I thought differently, and was going to prove it by securing a baseball team from that city for the new league." Mr. McCloskey, concluding, said he always had confidence in Victoria, and after witnessing the enthusiasm with which amateur athletics were taken up was more than ever impressed. While in the city Mr. McCloskey is registered at the Driard hotel.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. DECISION RECONSIDERED.

It is understood that the Garrison club has reconsidered its decision to withdraw from the Island league. As readers of the Times will remember, Capt. Paley announced his intention to take no further part in the series after the result of the protest entered by the Victoria-United team because of overtime play in Saturday's match.

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he held at the offices of Thomas Hooper to-morrow night. It is the intention of members of the select committee mentioned to go into the matter exhaustively and submit a number of recommendations regarding the formation and maintenance of a winning Victoria team during the summer of 1905. Other questions were discussed, after which the meeting adjourned.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

A LEAGUE CONTEST.
At Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon a match was played between the South Park and Central teams, resulting in a win for the former by a score of 8 points (1 goal and 1 try) to 6 points (2 tries). In spite of the deplorable condition of the ground play was fast throughout. The Central forwards were strong and played well together. But the speed and reliability of the South Park defence, more than over-balanced this advantage.

GOLF.

MONTHLY CONTESTS.
The ladies' monthly medal competition of the Victoria Golf Club will be held on Friday at the Oak Bay links. The gentlemen's contest will take place on Saturday afternoon.

HOCKEY.

PRACTISING TO-DAY.
This afternoon a special practice of the Victoria ladies' hockey team will be held at Oak Bay in preparation for the match to be played by the local second eleven at Nanaimo on Saturday.

WRESTLING.

ANOTHER VICTORY.
Again Jack Karkook succeeded in fulfilling the contract to down any opponent within fifteen minutes. Gr. Dartington, R. G. A., met him at the Savoy theatre last night. His shoulders were put to the mat some minutes before the expiration of that time.

BILLIARDS.

MATCH TO-NIGHT.
This evening E. F. Geiger and A. Proctor will meet in a Driard tournament match.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.
Interesting List Contributed by E. Mohun, C. E.—Satisfactory Record Last Year.

Edward Mohun, C. E., has handed to the Times a statement showing the comparative mortality per thousand in this city since 1891:

"It is assumed that the increase of population has been uniform since that date. Deaths of persons now residents of the city, as also those due to the Point Ellice bridge accident, have been omitted in the following table:

Year.	Pop.	No. of Mortality	Deaths per M.
1891	10,841	326	20.345
1892	11,702	324	20.579
1893	11,579	362	20.963
1894	11,947	269	16.990
1895	12,521	296	13.982
1896	12,723	287	13.329
1897	13,124	287	15.007
1898	13,524	275	14.973
1899	13,922	270	13.332
1900	14,320	301	14.769
1901	14,718	356	14.212
1902	15,116	296	12.511
1903	15,514	301	13.909
1904	15,912	270	12.172

"Taking the results in periods the average mortality has been from 1891 to 1893 inclusive, 20.576 per thousand; 1894 to 1898 inclusive, 15.008 per thousand; 1899 to 1904 inclusive, 13.567 per thousand.

In this connection Mr. Mohun says: "The method adopted, in the report of the medical health officer, for the computation of the death rate is misleading. Why a fixed population of 25,000 for a period of years should be assumed, when the ratios of increase give 21,717 in 1903, and 22,182 in 1904, it is difficult to understand. The death rates in these two years have been 13.860 and 12.172 instead of 11.57 and 10.08 as incorrectly stated in the report.

"It has been said you can prove anything by figures, and you can make the death rate appear as low as you please, by simply assuming a correspondingly larger population than exists.

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Shawigan Lake	10.20	Shawigan Lake	10.46	4.20	5.40
Duncan	11.00	Duncan	10.02	5.00	5.00
Ladysmith	11.57	Ladysmith	9.10	5.52	4.00
Nanaimo	12.40	Nanaimo	8.20	6.42	3.15
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POTATOES HAVE AGAIN ADVANCED

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Number of Important Changes in the Retail and Wholesale Quotations During Week.

There are several important changes in the local market quotations this week. Potatoes have made another advance. The local crop has apparently become almost exhausted, or the farmers of Vancouver Island and the lower Mainland are holding back in order to obtain a high price for their product. In such a case a speedy fall in both the wholesale and retail quotations is predicted. The potatoes now on the market are mostly imported from Colorado and California. As is usual at this season, eggs are becoming cheaper. They are retailing at about 27 cents a dozen. There are no changes in butter or other dairy products to record.

The local market was affected yesterday by the importation of two tons of spring salmon caught on the West Coast. The fish weighed in the neighborhood of 40 pounds each, being without exception the finest specimens of salmon ever caught for the Victoria market.

Appended are the retail quotations:

Bananas Florida	
Ogilvie's, per sack	1.75
Ogilvie's, per bbl.	6.75
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	1.75
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	6.75
Lake of Woods, per sack	1.75
Lake of Woods, per bbl.	6.75
Okanagan, per sack	1.75
Okanagan, per bbl.	6.75
Moose Jaw, per sack	1.75
Moose Jaw, per bbl.	6.75
Excelsior, per sack	1.75
Excelsior, per bbl.	6.75
Oak Lake, per sack	1.75
Oak Lake, per bbl.	6.75
Hudson's Bay, per sack	1.75
Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	6.75
Endorby, per sack	1.75
Endorby, per bbl.	6.75
Pasture Flour	
Snowflake, per sack	1.50
Snowflake, per bbl.	5.75
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack	1.40
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl.	5.50
O. K. Four Star, per sack	1.40
O. K. Four Star, per bbl.	5.50
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.50
Drifted Snow, per bbl.	5.50
Three Star, per sack	1.50
Three Star, per bbl.	5.50
Coal Oil	
Pratt's Coal Oil	1.00
Excelsior	1.00
B. C. Granulated, per 100 lbs.	6.75
Grain	
Wheat, per ton	40.00
Oats, per ton	28.00
Outmeal, per 10 lbs.	45
Bolled Oats (B. & K.)	5
Feed	
Hay (baled), per ton	17.00
Straw, per bale	85.00
Corn	73.00
Midgling, per ton	27.00
Brass, per ton	25.00
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	80.00
Vegetables	
Island Potatoes, 100 lbs.	1.00@1.75
Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	5
Cabbage, per lb.	5
Onions, silver skin, per lb.	2 1/2
Carrots, per lb.	1 1/2
Turnips, per lb.	1 1/2
Fish	
Salmon, spring (smoked)	10
Salmon, per lb.	12 1/2@15
Salmon, per lb.	10
Cod, per lb.	10
Halibut, per lb.	10
Kippers, per lb.	10
Bloaters, per lb.	10
Rock Cod	10
Bass	10
Shrimps, per lb.	10
Herring, per lb.	10
Farm Produce	
Fresh Island Eggs	27 1/2
Butter (Delta Creamery)	30
Best Dairy	30

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ARION CLUB PLEASED A LARGE AUDIENCE

Gave a Delightful Concert in Institute Hall Last Evening—Features of the Programme.

Large satisfied audiences are the rule with the Arion Club, and surely no one with a spark of musical appreciation and enthusiasm could fail to enjoy the varied feast spread for the delectation of a fashionable gathering last evening, the occasion being the second concert of the club for this season.

In the club numbers old and popular favorites predominated. Zolner's "The Wish," "The Song of the Pedlar," with its scope for the basses; Johannes Brahms' "Lullaby"; "The Serenade" by Bishop, and the "Soldiers' Chorus," being welcomed as long-time friends, each in its turn receiving finished treatment.

Perhaps the most successful number was "An Italian Salad," with its pronounced power over the risibilities—"a musical jest" in the form of a finale to an Italian opera," as the composer calls it—and certainly this explanation is apt. Mr. Howard as soloist was at his best in this. For those whose taste requires only the dainty and exquisite in words and music, Franz Abt's "Evening," rendered in Arion style, with Gideon Hicks as soloist, was a most satisfactory treat. The quartette—Messrs. Howard, Worlock, Kent and Wollaston—was an innovation of a most pleasing character, and the number was exceedingly well sung. To W. Hedley, the violinist of the evening, grateful thanks are due by each and all, for his numbers were a full evening's enjoyment in themselves. His rendering of the "Concerto (Hans Sitt)" was a revelation of thorough mastery of a most difficult composition. His second, the "Reverie" (Vieux Temps), of a widely different style, was quite as artistic, but probably of all Mr. Hedley's selections, the encore to this was, par excellence, the most exquisite bit of melody of his evening's work. His breadth and clarity of tone are remarkable.

Mrs. D. E. Campbell was in her very best voice, her selections being "My Heart is Weary" (Goring Thomas), a rich and melodious work, for which she received an encore; and "The Night" (Hullah) was grandly sung, but the "Three Fishers Went Sailing" (Hullah) was the gem of her selections, and was enthusiastically received. The audience would not be satisfied until "Rory Darlin'" was given by this talented vocalist.

Victor's show is proud to have, in their midst, an artist of such marked ability as a pianist as Miss Miles, a comparative stranger in the city. Miss Miles accompanied the club several times, and also delighted all with her interpretation of Liszt's Liebestraum, which was played in faultless style. Her accompaniment of Mr. Hedley and Mrs. Campbell were an exposition of the art which is acquired by the few and merits only the warmest encomiums. Miss Miles was becomingly gowned in pale rose silk, with handsome eury lace, bertha and elbow sleeves. Mrs. Campbell wore black net, and her simple style was quite refreshing in these days of elaborate over-dressing.

Altogether the Arion Club did itself justice under the able conductor, H. Kent, and most necessarily have impressed some of the strangers within our gates as being one of the best organized of its kind on the coast.

BEGGARS' LANGUAGE.

In describing their possessions and their environment, professional beggars use nicknames, writes Theodore Waters in Everybody's. Thus a cent is known as "white money." A defective is a "bull," and a policeman is a "bull in harness." A third of a "cup" and a "nickel" is a "dip." A gold watch is a "red kettle." Stamps are known as "stickers." Money is "cash." A horse car is a "rattler." When a beggar is arrested he is said to "fall." The workhouse is known as the "band house." The penitentiary is known as the "big house." A revolver is a "rod." A beggar who gives out cards on which are printed begging bits of rhyme is known as a "throw out." One who sits cross-legged on the walk is known as a "flopper." One who holds you up on the sidewalk is known as a "strong arm." So it runs on with so many expressions covering so many figures of speech that one not familiar with their argot might listen to their talk for hours without catching the real meaning of the conversation.

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KING AND QUEEN OF ITALY.

The following portraits of the King and Queen of Italy, by Marion Leslie, appeared in the Woman at Home: The King is an earnest man and a sensible ruler, and his public speeches immediately after he came to the throne were so able as to lead cynical people to suggest that an experienced mind in the background was their real author; but then came the pertinent query, "Why had this clever person not assisted the late monarch?"

The poverty of the people and the social state of Italy generally has been a matter of deep concern to the King and Queen since their accession, and they use their influence on the side of reform. I am certain that the present evil state of Italy is caused by the fact that no one does his duty," said the King at the beginning of his reign, and ever since he has been trying to set a good example.

Queen Elena is her husband's supporter in his aims for bettering the condition of his people, although she does not meddle in politics. The schools and charitable institutions are her particular care, and in looking after them she is following the example of the widowed Queen Margherita, to whom she is a loving and devoted daughter-in-law.

Her Majesty has also, at the risk of unpopularity in some of the court sets, instituted a more economical regimen in

the palace. Coming from the simple life in Montenegro, she was shocked at the extravagance and waste of the Italian court, and, with the full sympathy of the Queen-mother, introduced new regulations on the side of economy. When the principal chef's salary was cut down, he complained to the Queen, who replied, "My father's minister for war gets less."

She has instituted some changes into the court regulations. Formerly the royal receptions were conducted with great formality in the afternoon, the ladies appearing in full court dress. These were now interfered with the home life of the King and Queen, who generally spent the hours after luncheon together with their little daughters, the Princesses Yolande and Mafalda; so the Queen fixed her receptions for the morning and ordered walking-dress to be worn.

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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$19 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than \$20 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$500 per annum for a company, according to capital. A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim of 1,000, 500, 200, or 100 acres, by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Permitting may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 25c per cent. of the sale of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory, are open to placer mining generally are 100 feet square, entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River, claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet.

Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained. In dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory, a free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister or collector.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, but subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of one and a half per cent. collected on the output after the year commences \$10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted, a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the last day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, \$100 per mile for first year and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same for placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, or placer claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being not more than 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are made by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within a mile of a Mining Recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate. The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two or more persons, the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership, by filing notice of paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least \$200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having survey and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory, are open to prospecting for petroleum. The Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospecting an area of 1,250 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of \$1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,250 acres, will be sold at the rate of \$2 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council.

W. W. CORY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior, Dept. Interior.

NOTICE.

Tenders for the purchase and removal of the R. N. Caneen buildings and fittings will be received by Lieut. Maitland Kirwan, of H. M. S. Shearwater, on or before 10th March, 1905, for the sale of 1,250 (one of 1253) lumber. Particulars may be obtained from the Manager.

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—“The Keeper of the Keys” last night at the Crystal was a high class and clever production in every respect. The play is in a class of its own, and although all its characters are perfectly natural, there is not a villain in it. Miss Mathes, as the lady, gave a different character from any she has been seen in here, and she played the part to the life, and the support was up to the usual high standard of the company. Messrs. Roberts and Hilliard and Lewis had probably the best parts for the gentlemen, and were thoroughly satisfactory in them. Miss Hilton made a most laughable lodginghouse-keeper.

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ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN CLOSED

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lowed by debates, after which the authors were accorded hearty votes of thanks.
Owing to the absence of the secretary, L. W. Fisher, the business could not be proceeded with in the regular order. On this account only matters of minor importance were discussed. A letter of some interest, however, was read by the chairman from the dairy commissioner, J. A. Ruddick. He said in part:

“I notice that there is a feeling that the government operation of the creameries in the Northwest Territories is unfair to dairymen in British Columbia. They spoke of having fed butter under the local product, etc. As a matter of fact, there is no government bounty or bonus on the butter made in the Northwest Territory. Creameries are self-sustaining, and there is no bonus paid in any way. The effect of government operation is to keep up the price instead of reducing it. If these creameries were operated by the owners the result would be that they would simply dump their butter on this market as fast as it was made, and there is not the slightest doubt that they would sell it for at least two cents a pound less than what it has been sold for during the past years. We are able with our facilities to dispose of nearly half the butter made in the Territories in the Orient and the Yukon, and we are getting our trade well established in those markets. I feel quite sure that the government operation of creameries in the Territories is of as great importance to the dairymen of British Columbia as it is to those in Alberta and Assiniboia. I am not apologizing for the government management, but I hope that it will not be long before we will be able to pull out of that work. I wanted to place this matter before you with a view of allaying any feeling of dissatisfaction on the part of the British Columbia dairymen.”

Mr. Collins and a number of other Vancouver Island delegates protested against the selling of Northwest butter in Victoria labelled “Government creamery” at ridiculously low prices. They contended that the practice should be stopped.

Finally the communication was received and filed.

The convention then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

FISCAL REFORMS.

Associated Chambers of Commerce Favor Changes and Calling of Imperial Conference.

London, March 1.—The conference of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, now sitting in London, to-day discussed fiscal reforms, and ultimately decided by the votes of 42 chambers against 21 that “changes in the fiscal system are essential to provide against unfair competition, and an Imperial conference should be called to discuss the question.”

LOCAL NEWS

—The R. E. Quadrille Club will hold their regular fortnightly dance this evening at Work Point barracks.

—The quarterly meeting of the board of trade will be held on Friday, March 10th. It is expected that business of importance will be considered on that occasion. The usual reports are to be submitted, and a large attendance is requested.

—Another case of breaking and entering has been reported to the police. Last night between nine and ten o'clock somebody entered the grocery store of Mr. Deaville, on the corner of First street and Hillside avenue, entrance being gained through a back window. As far as can be learned nothing was stolen.

—The S. P. C. A. has laid an information against Sheriff Richards. The sheriff has seized the goods and chattels of Mr. McHugh, of Saanich, on whose farm some stock is being boarded. The insufficiency of the board for the beasts is the foundation of the charge. The case was called in the police court to-day, but was remanded.

—A masquerade dance will be given to-morrow night at the Assembly hall, under the auspices of Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees. The preparations are in charge of Mesdames Dickinson and Simpson. A pleasant time, therefore, is assured all attending. An exceptionally fine musical programme is being arranged. Invitations must be presented and masks raised on entering the hall.

—Commodore Goodrich, accompanied by Commander Sandemann and Lieut. Longdon, Gilbert and Nares, leave on the Whatcom this evening, and will cross the continent on the Great Northern, en route home. They will embark on the new steamer “Caronia,” of the Cunard line, leaving New York on March 11th on her first voyage. The “Bonaventure” will leave Esquimaux for Hongkong at 9:30 o'clock on Saturday morning. She took on 400 tons of coal this morning preparatory for the voyage.

—Preparations are proceeding apace for the Rugby dance to be given under the auspices of the Victoria College on Monday, March 6th, at the Assembly hall. The preparations are in the hands of an energetic committee, and a pleasant time is guaranteed all who attend. The young men of the team have already commenced decorating, and intend transforming the hall into a veritable fairyland. The music will be a feature, and arrangements are being made to put the floor in particularly fine shape.

—The Watson company will present a farce comedy bill for the rest of the week at the Reford theatre. “A Runaway Match” has been selected, and a more laughable bill could not have been chosen. There is really a plot to this play, and Mark Swan, the author, did himself justice in the construction of the farce. Beginning on Monday evening a dramatization of one of the most interesting of all the Sherlock Holmes' stories will hold the boards for half a week. Following this excellent production comes the Alexander Dumas masterpiece, “Camille,” a play which is always enjoyed whenever it receives a proper presentation. Miss Roberts will be seen as Camille.

—Six children were killed to-day by an avalanche, which overwhelmed the house of a peasant near Ausser Villgraten.

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THE MAIN POINT
HARD AT WORK.
Dr. Fagan Interests Vancouver City Council in Sanitarium Movement.
On Monday evening Dr. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, addressed the city council of Vancouver in favor of granting aid to the movement seeking to establish a sanitarium for fighting tuberculosis. He gave reasons similar to those already enunciated here. In answer to His Worship, Dr. Fagan stated that the proposed sanitarium would be located somewhere in the Kamloops valley, which had an area of 100 by 100 miles, and had not its equal for the treatment of this disease on the American continent. It had never been calculated to establish it at Kamloops. Continuing, Dr. Fagan said that the C. P. R. had promised to give \$5,000, and if a suitable proposition were advanced, it would give another \$5,000. Lord Strathcona had also promised assistance, as had also the provincial government. If the governing bodies of the municipalities, for he intended to approach every one, and the citizens contributed, a good maintenance fund would be established. Municipalities and cities contributing would be each allowed a representative director. Victoria, Dr. Fagan said, had promised to give \$25 for every thousand of population. The Mayor assured Dr. Fagan that every consideration would be given his proposal. The matter was referred to the health committee.

THE CARMENITA SOLD.
Vessel Has Passed Into Possession of Another San Francisco Company.
Within the last week or so the schooner Carmenita, which has been lying in the upper harbor preparing to put to sea on a hunting expedition, has changed ownership. The vessel has passed from the possession of Tyson & Company, San Francisco, to Alexander Woodside & Company, also of the Bay City. Mr. Woodside is in the city, having come north a few days ago to look after the business of the ship in this port.

The new company has a provisional registry for the Carmenita from the consular general at Acapulco, and this permits the schooner clearing from this city for that port. Her former owners also held a provisional registry from the Mexican government, but instead of renewing the schooner proceeded to the Siberian coast, where she got into various troubles. In consequence the Mexican government took offence, and refused to renew the provisional registry for Tyson & Co., leaving the craft a non-descript.

The vessel on arrival here from the north last fall was tied up. Capt. McLain, who commanded her, went south, where he remained until last month. Coming north again, he brought with him a number of men, whom he immediately placed aboard. There was little said about the proposed movements of the vessel. Hurried preparations were made for an early departure, and the impression prevailed that Capt. McLain had some special plan for a profitable season's work. On this he was not inclined to talk.

According to the report which has been made at the customs house, however, he will leave shortly for Acapulco. There her owners hope to place her under the Mexican flag and to rechristen her the Acapulco. This will give the ship an international status again, and will enable her to go sailing if desired. Under other circumstances than those mentioned it is doubtful if the schooner would have received a Canadian clearance owing to her previous record.

Under the laws of the United States sealing is prevented except on the northern islands, where certain companies enjoy a monopoly of the industry, and the vessel could not be taken to San Francisco and there registered if her occupation was to be that of sealing.

PERSONAL.
A. W. Esnouf, accompanied by Mrs. Esnouf, left last night for White Horse, where they intend to spend the coming summer.

Thos. T. Langlois, president and manager of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Saving Company, is in the city on business connected with the company. Mr. Langlois expects to be here for a few days, and is a guest at 19 Harrison street, the home of H. J. Knott, local manager for the company.

The Misses A. S. and B. E. Layton leave by Saturday night's boat for Vernon, B. C., where they intend making their home in future with their sister, Mrs. D. R. Young.

Frank H. Eaton, city superintendent of schools, who has been ill at the Jubilee hospital, is improving.

Old-time Victorians will regret to learn that Geo. Stelly, sr., is seriously ill with pneumonia at Tacoma.

Detective Geo. Perdue left last night for Green River, Hot Springs, Washington, in the hope of gaining relief from a severe attack of sciatica, with which he has been afflicted.

The Pollard Lilliputian Opera Company are registered at the Victoria hotel. The clever children are all in the best of health and spirits. Last night they attended the performance of “The Mummy and the Humming Bird” at the Victoria theatre.

PASSENGERS.
Per steamer Princess Victoria from Vancouver—J. Prender, H. M. Ewan, J. A. McNeil, R. Jesse, Miss John, B. Poul, S. P. Toimie, Mrs. Sether, Wm. Brunstater, J. D. Prentice, J. McDavitt, H. Blake, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Siv, A. S. Rankin, B. Williams, F. W. Tiffin, J. R. Emerson, J. Findlay, Mrs. Findlay, W. Ludner, Miss Coughlan, S. Smith, R. Rossmore, R. H. Spelling, H. G. Parsons, C. Cash, R. H. Lomdes, W. Parsons, J. B. McRae, Mrs. McKee, O. B. McWilkie, J. R. Seymour, T. E. Fisher, J. E. Julian, J. A. Chislerwood, Mrs. McArthur, J. A. Rear, Mrs. Shakespear, V. Brooks, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Murr, Mrs. Parke, J. McIntosh, R. M. McDonald, J. Glover, Archdeacon Small, G. Wurtelle, F. Lydon, A. S. Roy, A. E. Todd, G. W. R. Carter, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. W. R. Steele, W. D. McGregor, G. P. Lense, Capt. H. R. Jones, R. Marpole and secretary, C. E. C. Wright, E. J. Covic, R. W. Greer.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—W. T. Gillingham, A. Bankman, F. J. Greer, C. Packard, K. Kelly, D. H. Hays, E. Piner, Mrs. D. Young, L. E. Norris, Peter Oregan, E. Falst, C. Hendmark, E. D. Kirk, T. W. Wilms, J. H. Beard, W. R. Hedley, L.

SIX CHILDREN KILLED.
Were in Home, When It Was Overwhelmed by an Avalanche.
(Associated Press.)
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WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
Victoria, March 2.—A series of ocean low barometer areas are crossing this province to the Territories. They are causing high southerly winds on the coast and abnormally mild weather with rain on Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and in Cariboo. The weather is also mild in the Territories and Manitoba.
Forecasts.
For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday: Victoria and vicinity—Southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with occasional rain. Lower Mainland—Southerly and easterly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.
Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 48; minimum, 47; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 50; minimum, 52; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 1.28; weather, cloudy.
Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, rain.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 54; minimum, 54; wind, 10 miles S.; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 54; minimum, 54; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy, fog.
Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 38; minimum, 38; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, fair.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 30; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, fair.

BORN.
FORDE—At Revelstoke, on February 25th, the wife of J. F. Forde, of a daughter.
DIED.
SMITH—At Kamloops, on Feb. 28, A. F. Smith, aged 79 years.
DESJARDIS—At Kamloops, on Feb. 25th, Edward Desjardis, aged 89 years.
MARTIN—At Vancouver, on February 25th, Welwyn A. Martin, aged 21 years.
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